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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT SOURCE WAIVER, VEHICLE FOR DRUG ABUSE
CONTROL PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ASUNCION 2468

1. AMBASSADOR VANCE PREPARED AUTHORIZE PURCHASE NON-U.S.
MAKE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE FOR USE OF LOCAL NARCOTICS
AGENTS (NNA) BASED ON NEED HAVE INCONSPICUOUS VEHICLE WHICH
BLEND IN WITH OTHERS IN PARAGUAY AND FACT THAT LOCAL
PROCUREMENT WILL EXPEDITE DELIVERY AND THUS FURTHER MORE
RAPID ACHIEVEMENT OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL OBJECTIVES.

2. WE HAVE DELAYED FINALIZATION OF WAIVER UNTIL ISSUE
OF TITLE AND USE OF VEHICLE IS RESOLVED. INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS ARE RESTRICTED TO PROVIDING
ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO CONTROL THE PRODUCTION,
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PROCESSING AND TRAFFICKING OF ILLICIT DRUGS. THESE FUNDS

CAN NOT REPEAT NOT BE USED TO FINANCE THE NORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE OR OPERATING COSTS OF OTHER U.S. AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT SINCE EACH AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING THESE EXPENSES.

3. SINCE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IS IN FORM OF ASSISTANCE TO

NNA, GOP SHOULD HOLD VEHICLE TITLE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS UTILIZATION CONSISTENT WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL OBJECTIVES WHICH WERE COVERED IN PROJECT AGREEMENT, SECTION IV A-3. WE WOULD EXPECT BOTH DEA AND AID TO EXERCISE ONGOING END-USE ACCOUNTING AND INSURE THAT VEHICLE IS PROPERLY USED FOR NNA NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. WE REALIZE PER REFTEL THAT POST MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IF VEHICLE USE IS SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION AND UNDER SCRUTINY OF GOP OFFICIALS TO WHOM THE NNA CHIEF MUST REPORT. IF SO, WE WOULD RELY ON MISSION DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TO INSURE PROPER UTILIZATION CONSISTENT WITH NARCOTIC CONTROL OBJECTIVES.

4. IF POST CONCURS IN ABOVE, WAIVER WILL BE SIGNED IMMEDIATELY. INGERSOLL

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